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In re Application of:
Bryan K. BULLIS, et al.
Application No. 09/409,940
Filed: September 30, 1999
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
PROVIDING HIERARCHICAL SELF-
CHECKING IN ASIC SIMULATION

**DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 TO
WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT**

This is a decision in response to a communication filed on March 24, 2005. The communication has been treated as a petition under 37 CFR § 1.181 requesting the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to timely file a reply to the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on October 29, 2004 or failure to seek court review of the decision by the Board. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 8, 2005.

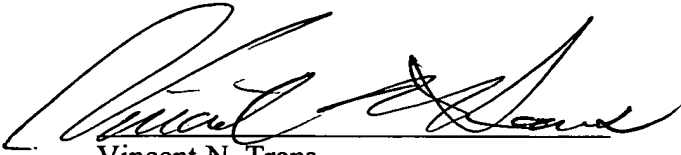
The petitioner provided a copy of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed December 6, 2004 and a copy of the amendment filed December 6, 2004.

A review of the Image File Wrapper and the RAM Fee History, it reveals that the RCE filing was received on December 6, 2004 and the RCE fee was also processed on December 6, 2004.

Applicant has established that a timely RCE and amendment were filed on December 6, 2004. The Notice of Abandonment is hereby withdrawn.

The copies of Request for Continued Examination and amendment filed on December 6, 2004 are being forwarded to the Technology Center support Staff for processing the RCE and entering the amendment. The file will then be forwarded to the examiner for appropriate action.

Any inquiry concerning this decision should be directed to Vincent N. Trans whose telephone number is (571) 272-3613.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent N. Trans", written over a horizontal line.

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